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Proposed Bill No. 434

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that: (1) Whenever
2 a child convicted as a delinquent and committed to the Department of
3 Children and Families is subsequently arrested for a juvenile offense,
4 the period of the child's commitment shall be reduced by the number
5 of days that the child is held prior to disposition of the offense in (A) a
6 juvenile detention center, an alternative detention center, the
7 Connecticut Juvenile Training School or any other facility or hospital
8 pursuant to a detention order, or (B) a police station, courthouse
9 lockup or correctional facility; (2) section 46b-137 of the general
10 statutes be amended to make any admission, confession or statement,
11 written or oral, made by a child to a police officer or Juvenile Court
12 official inadmissible in any criminal prosecution of the child; and (3)
13 section 17a-7a of the general statutes be amended to require the
14 Commissioner of Children and Families to adopt regulations to
15 establish standard leave and release policies for juvenile delinquents
16 committed to the Department of Children and Families, including
17 regulations that provide that juvenile delinquents shall not be eligible

18 for (A) leave without an initial sixty-day evaluation of fitness and
19 security risk, or (B) leave or release without (i) an evaluation of fitness
20 and security risk, (ii) the assignment of supervision and clear
21 identification of custody of a parent, legal guardian or other
22 responsible adult, (iii) confidential notification of local police for a
23 leave or release granted to a serious juvenile offender, and (iv) a
24 determination of eligibility immediately prior to granting the leave or
25 release of a delinquent. The commissioner may waive the leave
26 requirement for a new sixty-day evaluation of fitness and security risk
27 when a juvenile delinquent is transferred from one facility to another.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that (1) whenever a child convicted as a delinquent and committed to DCF custody is subsequently arrested for a juvenile offense, the child gets credit for time spent in detention prior to the disposition of the offense; (2) that any admission, confession or statement made by a child to a police officer or Juvenile Court official is inadmissible in any criminal prosecution of the child; and (3) that the Commissioner of Children and Families adopt revised regulations regarding standard leave and release policies that would provide more flexibility in determining the need for a sixty-day evaluation of fitness and security prior to leave or release.